

RANDOLPH ZANDER  
FOREIGN COINS, MEDALS  
AND NUMISMATIC BOOKS

POST OFFICE BOX 3013  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

18 January 1968

Dear Eric,

I'm glad circumstances gave me the chance to talk with you today and I hope we may have the chance for a proper tour d'horizon at dinner a couple of months from now. Things you've done recently, such as flinging down the gauntlet at Copenhagen, fascinate and gladden your country cousins.

Do please forgive us for not having been as explicit as we should have about our Washington Numismatic Forum. Let me try to put it in proper perspective, even if this inflicts an extra paragraph or two on you.

For at least a generation the Washington numismatic community has been too damned shy. Among our two million people there are a lot of numismatically oriented people with first-rate credentials: a sense of history, experience of other lands, technological competence, &c. Quite frankly, Eric, we've come of age. Moreover we're not isolated. This is the southern anchor of the east-coast megalopolis and we're within shuttle-range of any number of any number of good out-of-town coin folk.

Ben Douglas, the Stefanellis and I have all been respectful and envious of what the Three Musketeers in Oklahoma City have been able to achieve in a region not a quarter as promising as ours. Their annual seminar is a respected national event. We're paying them the ultimate compliment of copying them. I've told Jake about our plans (he's ex-officio Washingtonian, he spent the war here) & he's given us good suggestions.

Who are we? The Stefanellis (who hope to act as individuals and not as Smithsonian officials), Ben (who doesn't wear his civic virtue on his sleeve), Mike Dolnick, and me. We're beholden to no clubs, we have no course, and no admission fee. For the success of this first annual program of ours we bank on the good will and sense of citizenship of your good self, of Mendel Peterson, Ray Byrne, and the Stefanellis. If Eva Adams is in town then we expect to have her with us. We plan our program as the sort of undertaking a serious coin person will find worthy of attention as an active participant or as a visitor. We had hoped you might be moved to give some background on the development of your incomparable standard work on Colonial currency, but you have a fat quiver-full of arrows and any one of them would do us fine.

If you'll generously agree to come, we'd expect you graciously to let us take care of plane fare and hotel (we'll make you a good reservation before the tourists overrun us). If you could make it in good time on the 22nd we'd like to honor you for dinner that evening. The next day's program would be a ten to five affair with speakers, lunch at the Smithsonian across the hall from the Steel Hall where we'd be, and a panel for questions.

As soon as you say yes in the inclosed envelope (everyone else is already committed) we can start our long-lead publicity. I'd like particularly to say a word in my next list, which goes to the printer Monday.

With thanks and good wishes from us all,

Mr Eric P. Newman  
St Louis, Missouri

Sincerely,

Ray

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 22, 1968

Mr. Randolph Zander  
P.O. Box 3013  
Alexandria, Virginia 22303

Dear Rand:

Your long kindly invitation for March 23  
was really unnecessary after your telephone call.

I will be glad to do my part. Other  
details can be worked out later. Maybe my wife  
will come along at our expense.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPM/stb

RANDOLPH ZANDER  
POST OFFICE BOX 3013  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

10 February 1968

Dear Eric -

We all look forward very much to your both being here on 22 March. I've made you a reservation for that date at the Hay-Adams, of which I hope you'll approve.

We'd planned to get together at the Occidental @ 6:00 for drinks & then a meal upstairs.

Later I'll ask if there are logistical requirements - special kind of projector - or anything else.) In the course would you let me know w/ flight # & airport?

All good wishes,

for the  
23rd,

Ran -

FORM #105

March 12, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. B. M. Douglas

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ben:

I will need a carrousel projector for the program on March 23. I can easily bring a long control line so that it can be operated from the rostrum if you do not have one available. Naturally, I will need a streen.

It will be pleasant to be with you at that time.

The 3s North Carolina note is returned herewith as I already have it. Thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 15, 1968

Miss Eva Adams  
Director of the Mint  
Treasury Department  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Eva:

My wife and I look forward to being with you and taking you to dinner on Saturday evening, March 23. I believe you will enjoy knowing my wife.

We will be at the Hay-Adams Hotel beginning Friday evening. Naturally, I will see you during the day on Saturday.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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RANDOLPH ZANDER  
POST OFFICE BOX 3013  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

13 March  
1968

Dear Eric -

Ben Douglas tells me  
you and he have projector  
logistics arranged.

Can we meet you at  
the airport? The Friday PM  
set-together is @ 6:15 - if  
you arrive at Dulles, make  
it early, enough so we don't get  
jammed up in commuter  
traffic. It's murder, & could  
discombobulate everyone -

I'll phone later to confirm  
plans.

Ran

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 15, 1968

Mr. Randolph Zender  
P.O.Box 3013  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Dear Ren:

You asked me for my schedule in your recent letters. My wife and I plan to arrive on TWA Flight No. 486, at National Airport, at 3:37 P. M., Friday, March 22, and to leave at 5 P.M. March 24. You have reserved a room for us at the Hay-Adams, which we appreciate.

You indicated we should be at the Occidental at 6:15 P.M. on Friday and unless that has been modified we will be pleased to be present.

I have written Ben Douglas that I would like to have a carrousel projector for 35mm slides, and a screen; that I could bring my control line, which is a long one so that I could operate the projector from the platform. If you already have a control line or control button I can leave the line at home. Perhaps Ben will advise me on this.

There is no need to meet us at the airport unless you have nothing better to do.

I look forward to seeing you and I certainly hope the seminar is stimulating and fun for everybody.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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POST OFFICE BOX 3013  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

25 March 1968

Dear Eric,

I hope very much you both may have thought the Washington jaunt worth the time and effort. It's a great shame for Mrs Newman that part of her Georgetown exploration was rainy and unpleasant. The afternoon may have undidacted matters somewhat. Georgetown is more than a little faded in a lot of ways, but it's a fascinating place all the same. You know I'm a great walker; and often of a weekend morning I drive in, park near the Customs House and ramble round the place & check out what additional successes & failures the restorers may have made. Several other parts of Washington - Capitol Hill, notably - are georgetownizing to beat the band; but the place that really has potential is old-torn Alexandria.

Eric, the Forum gang is really quite euphoric. We had no idea wed attract as many really sound people - They came, many of them, from a long way off, and as you will can witness they were full of beans and zeal right up through the panel phase. All of us are most particularly grateful to you - the demonstration of the NE Doit and the Brisker Donblow were pure dispassionate, devastating cerebration; while of towering anger (was it 2 parts from the heart and one part showmanship or vice versa, or can one parse it?) on the forgery problem did us all proud. I didn't think it appropriate - and I'd have been a bit scared anyway - to leap up & defend passionately the

IAPN, I suppose my main defense would have been to remind everyone how slowly a committee works and to reduce analogies, e.g. how the Drug industry polices itself. Numeration unfortunately is not important enough to attract the attention of a congressional committee, and even if it were, I'm not sure that some sort of legislation such as Virgil Hancock has been proposed, is really the answer.

We planned the Hay Adams today, and they promised, after some prodding, to tell us about the Bill. Would you meanwhile let me know about your air fare? And if you have an idea of what we owe on the hotel do please say. Ben Douglas, Tom Warfield and I are anxious to do right by our friends & we should take unkindly to any obfuscating gestures. Do please say.

All of us thank you more than we can say. And again, we can only hope that the obvious addition, pleasurable, practical, what have you of the audience — which was a tolerably sophisticated one — will confirm to you what all of us feel.

Gerd had one footnote to add to the data in the envelope I handed you — that is: DON'T go to the Outer Banks in summer — they're overrun; go better from late fall to early spring. Then it's a friend & lonely place, full of migratory birds, clear of mosquitos, & like a little lark wasted by a majestic and wild sea.

We both send warm greetings, and [Introducing a man] want you to bring a political report.

Father cordially,

Ray

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 27, 1968

Mr. Randolph Zander  
P.O. Box 3013  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Dear Ran:

Congratulations on the fine seminar which your group arranged. The attendance was excellent and the questions and enthusiasm indicated that it was a quality group.

My wife and I enjoyed it to the utmost and thank you, very much, for the dinner party at the Occidental. The Russells were snowed in, as you no doubt know. We went to the Ford Theatre on Saturday night and that, also, was a treat. Meeting Gerda was a pleasure for both of us and her suggestions as to an adventure at the outer banks sounds most exciting.

Thank you for your kind remarks concerning my talk. My anger with respect to forgeries is based more on the time which has to be wasted to prove items false rather than my trying to be a violent reformer. I actually enjoy doing this kind of work as a puzzle solver.

My round trip fare was \$95.55. As to the hotel bill, the single room rate for the minimum accommodation was \$21.00 plus \$1.05 tax, or \$22.05. You paid \$20.00 toward this account already. As to taxis to and from airports, taxis within Washington, incidental meals, etc. we are more than glad to absorb these expenses ourselves.

My very kindest regards and thanks for making the program a success.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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March 19, 1968

Mr. Irving Edison

I will not be here on Friday afternoon, March 22, as I am going to Washington, D. C. to participate, as a speaker, in a program which was scheduled several months ago.

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/stb

Eric

I truly rejoice in this.

Thanks. Please advise me  
of your absences. My only  
motive is E.B.S' need to know

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 4, 1968

Mr. Val Clain-Stefanelli  
Room A-4022  
Smithsonian Institute  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Val:

There is returned herewith the two Brasher Doubloon slides which you were kind enough to lend for my talk at the Washington Numismatic Seminar. We have had duplicates made of them and appreciate your cooperation.

Would it be possible for you to obtain for us, in due course, an enlargement of the negative which, no doubt, you have of the 1853 \$20 U.S. Assay Office 900 fine piece? If you wish to lend us the negatives, we would be glad to have the enlargements made.

The talk which you gave before the seminar was fascinating to me, as I expressed to you at the time. I know that you and Liza did more than your part in making the seminar a success and the attendance, definitely, indicated the enthusiasm for the project. ✓

Kindest personal regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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